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1. PRIMIN TRUDEAU QUESTIONED AGAIN IN PARLIAMENT MARCH 18 ON ABM SYSTEM. TRUDEAU SAID HE WOULD BE DISCUSSING SUBJECT WITH PRESIDENT NIXON, BUT DOUBTED THAT BY 24TH GOC WOULD HAVE "FINITE" POSITION ON US ANNOUNCEMENT. PRIMIN ALSO SAID GOC HAS NOT RECEIVED REQUEST FROM US TO ESTABLISH ABM SITES IN CANADA. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF EXCHANGE FROM UNCLEARED HANSARD "BLUES".

2. T. C. DOUGLAS (LEADER, NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY): MR. SPEAKZR, MAY I DIRECT A QUESTION TO THE RIGHT HON. PRIME MINISTER. IN VIEW OF THE STATEMENT BY CANADA'S CHIEF DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATOR TO THE EFFECT THAT A GALLOPING ARMS RACE BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE USSR WOULD BE CATASTROPHIC FOR CANADA MAY I ASK THE RIGHT HON. GENTLEMAN DOES HE INTEND TO MAKE ANY REPRESENTATIONS TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE US INDICATING THE DANGER THAT THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ABM SYSTEM MAY FURTHER ESCALATE THE NUCLEAR ARMS RACE?

3. PRIMIN TRUDEAU: MR. SPEAKER, I BELIEVE I STATED YESTERDAY I WOULD BE DISCUSSING THIS SUBJECT WITH THE PRESIDENT BUT I DOUBTED WHETHER BY NEXT MONDAY WE WOULD HAVE TAKEN A FINITE POSITION ON THE US ANNOUNCE-

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MENT, I DID INDICATE, AND I REPEAT NOW, THAT ANY DANGER OF ESCALATION IS SOMETHING WHICH WE WOULD BE VERY ANXIOUS TO DISCUSS, AND IF THERE IS EVIDENCE OF ESCALATION THEN WE WOULD BE READY TO INDICATE OUR DISAPPROVAL OF SUCH ESCALATION.

4. DOUGLAS: IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE PRIME MINISTER'S PREDECESSOR, THE RIGHT HON. L.B. PEARSON, INDICATED IN 1965 THAT IT WAS HIS GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS TO REMOVE US BOMARC MISSILES FROM CANADIAN SOIL, IS THE PRESENT ADMINISTRATION TAKING ANY STEPS TO REMOVE BOMARC MISSILES FROM CANADA.

5. TRUDEAU: WITHOUT CONCEDED THAT THAT WAS EXACTLY WHAT THE FORMER PRIME MINISTER SAID I WOULD TELL THE HOUSE WHAT I HAVE SAID IN PREVIOUS MONTHS WHICH IS THAT THE MATTER OF OUR DEFENCE POLICY IN THE WORLD AND IN NORTH AMERICA IS UNDER REVIEW AND ANY ANNOUNCEMENT IN THIS REGARD WILL BE MADE IN DUE COURSE.

6. GEORGE HEES (PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE): MR. SPEAKER, MAY I ASK THE PRIME MINISTER WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT HAS RECEIVED A REQUEST FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR PERMISSION TO ESTABLISH ANTI-BALLISTIC MISSILE BASES ON CANADIAN SOIL?

7. TRUDEAU: NO, MR. SPEAKER; NO SUCH REQUEST HAS BEEN RECEIVED. LINDER

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